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The Honorable Ajit Pai
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Pai:

I write today concerning MB 18-202 and MB 17-105.

I know that you are committed to ensuring content retention and expansion for the American people and that you agree with a light touch regulatory approach. As the FCC proceeds on MB 18-202 and MB 17-105, I hope you will keep our rural communities in mind. You are well aware of the challenges that our rural and small communities face when it comes to FCC-related issues and your attention would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your commitment to serving the public and for your consideration of our rural and small communities as the FCC changes policy through MB 18-202 and MB 17-105.

Sincerely,



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November 27, 2018

The Honorable Gregg Harper
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Dear Congressman Harper:

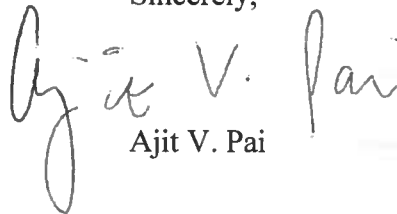
Thank you for your letter regarding the importance of keeping in mind the impact that the Commission's media regulations have on rural communities. I agree with you that our nation's rural and small communities face significant challenges when it comes to some FCC rules and regulations. This is why I have made it a priority during my tenure as Chairman to help ensure that the Commission's rules do not impose unnecessary burdens on those providing service to rural America.

The Commission's Modernization of Media Regulation Initiative (MB Docket No. 17-105) is a major part of that effort. I believe that modernization of our rules is necessary to better promote the public interest and provide for more competition, innovation, and investment in the media sector. And we've already heard from rural broadcasters and others that rural America stands to benefit from our actions. Each modification, or repeal, of unnecessary regulation will allow companies to put more of their limited resources into better serving their communities.

Our review of media rules, including the children's television programming rules, is still ongoing. Your views are important and will be entered into the record of these proceedings and considered as part of the Commission's review. I look forward to working with you to ensure small and rural communities benefit from the FCC's actions.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,


Ajit V. Pai